



# St. Augustine's Church Limerick 17th July 2022

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Times

#### Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,  
10.15am, & 4pm

#### SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

#### SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am  
& 7.30pm

#### CONFESSIONS

#### MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am-12 Noon  
3.00pm-4.00pm

#### SATURDAY

10.45am-12noon  
2.30pm-4pm



### St. Augustine's Church

Child Safeguarding  
Representatives.

#### Fr. Flor O'Callaghan osa

Fr. John Ling osa  
Ms Geraldine van Dam  
Mr. Robert Ryan  
Ms Charlotte Gleeson  
Ms Mary Deegan.



## National Novena at Knock Shrine 14th -22nd August

After a two year break due to the pandemic, the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from the 14th –22nd August this year . For all who will be travelling to the shrine to take part we hope to make this year extra special.



Ceremonies will take place in the Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the course of the nine days with guest speakers present at each ceremony. We also look forward to the return of the special candlelight procession a traditional feature of the Novena at Knock, which takes place following the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting). On Thursday 18th August we will hold a special day of prayer for peace in the Ukraine. We are inviting people from the Ukrainian Community in Ireland and host families to join us.

Our theme this year is **'A Journey in Hope'** as we look towards the Synod and reflect on the transformative power of hope and resilience in times of adversity.

**A unique feature of this year's Novena will be the 'Synod Tent'**, where members of the public will be invited to learn more about the Synod and what it means for all of us. It will also provide an opportunity for us to listen to what you think Knock Shrine has to offer you and the Church in Ireland at this critical juncture in our history. Source: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### *Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Knock*

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise,

**'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find'**

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.

Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.

Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.

Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen

### Thought for the day

Being busy is a sort of cultural value among us—and rightly. "If you want something done, ask a busy person." But, of course, the question of balance arises. There are indeed other needs and other hungers. These include simple human things like time for friends. Even hospitality—which is always work—can get in the way of really meeting. Something similar can be said of time for reflection, meditation and prayer. Time is not really the issue—after all, we manage to find time to waste on TV, tablets etc. It is more a question of insight, choice and decision, lest we overlook and even lose "the better part."

### Prayer

Help us, Lord, to listen to the stirrings of our hearts. When we meet friends, help us to really meet.

When we meet you, help us too to be present to you. Amen.

Source: tarsus.ie/Sunday readings



### Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Friday 22nd

Mary was not a quitter. The other disciples ran away afraid, but Mary stayed with some other women at the foot of the cross until Jesus died. She would not leave her friend in the terrible last moments of his earthly life. Sunset was fast approaching, which meant that the Sabbath was about to begin. The



rules of her religion said she had to be inside before dark, but she followed Jesus' body to the tomb. At the first light of dawn after the Sabbath, she rushed to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, because there had been no time when he was buried. Mary hurried back to the Apostles to tell them that she had seen the Risen Christ.

Extract Source: saintsresource.com/mary-magdalene

Today, in our world, we also are called to proclaim the truth of his resurrection, even when others do not believe, or give in to doubt. Mary Magdalene knew that Christ had died. Was she not one of the few beneath the cross at that terrible moment? Yet she was unwavering in her belief that he was risen.

Short piece/source Irish Messenger (2015)



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### World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Sunday 24th July

Join us for this celebration on Sunday 24th July with a Coffee Morning after the 11.15am Mass and also the following 10.15am Mass on Tuesday 26th July (the feasts of St. Anne and Joachim).

### Mother of Good Counsel Prayer Group

Join us on Tuesday's at Our Lady's Shrine after the 4.00pm Mass as we pray the Scriptures with Fr. David Kelly o.s.a. This is a lovely gathering where we pray also for each others intentions.

### THE HURLER'S PRAYER

Grant me, O Lord, a hurler's skill,  
With strength of arm and speed of limb,  
Unerring eye for the flying ball,  
And courage to match whatever befall.  
May my stroke be steady and my aim be true,  
My actions manly and my misses few;  
No matter what way the game may go,

May I rest in friendship and say hello!  
When the final whistle for me has blown,  
And I stand at last before God's throne,  
May the great referee when he calls my name  
Say, "You hurled like a man:  
you played the game".

Seamus Redmond

